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SUMMARY: SAG WISHES TO REVIEW TERMS OF 1951 AND 1953 AGREE-
MENTS. WISHES MEETINGS TO BE KEPT SMALL. END SUMMARY.

1. TURKI MEETING: FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH SAUDIS
WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1100-1400 HOURS SUNDAY NOV. 10 WITH
PRINCE TURKI, AND WILL FOCUS ON MILITARY MATTERS. TURKI
WISHES TO DISCUSS:

A. THE DOD SURVEY

B. FMS CASES (PROBABLY PRICE ESCALATION AND LONG LEAD
TIMES)

C. THE US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION.

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LATTER IS NEW ITEM. SAUDIS WISH TO REVIEW THE AGREEMENTS ON MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE OF JUNE 18, 1951 AND JUNE 27, 1953 (USMTM AGREEMENT) TO SEE HOW THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS CONFORM TO PRESENT CONDITIONS. LIAISON OFFICER SPEAKING FOR PRINCE TURKI SAID THAT DESIRE IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO RENEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENTS BUT MERELY TO REVIEW THEM. WE WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL COMMENT LATER ON THE DOD-PROPOSED MOU FOR A SAUDI ARABIAN ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. SINCE SAG NOW WISHES TO RAISE SUBJECT OF AGREEMENTS, HOWEVER, THIS WILL GIVE US OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS OVER PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND ALSO LEADS TO SUBJECT OF PUTTING USMTM ON FMS BASIS. THESE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS COULD LEAD AT A LATER DATE TO THE PRESENTATION OF A DRAFT MOU REAFFIRMING THE DESIRES OF BOTH SIDES FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION.

2. SULTAN MEETING: MEETING WILL BE 1230-1500 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11. SULTAN HAS INDICATED HIS SATISFACTION WITH OUR AGENDA AND HAS NO ADDITIONAL ITEMS.

3. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:

A. SAUDIS WISH MEETINGS TO BE KEPT SMALL. PRINCE TURKI WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE FOLLOWING:

GENERAL HAMAD SHUMAYMIRI, CHIEF OF STAFF
GENERAL ASAD ZUHAIR, COMMANDER, RSAF
GENERAL ALI KABBANI, G-3
A ROYAL SAUDI NAVY REPRESENTATIVE, PERHAPS ACTING
COMMANDER RASHAD. PERHAPS, TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

MEETING WITH SULTAN WILL INCLUDE NO OTHER SAUDI REPRESENTATIVES EXCEPT FOR POSSIBILITY THAT PRINCE TURKI MAY ATTEND. BIO SUMMARIES ON KEY MEMBERS AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY ON SATURDAY.

B. USG ATTENDANTS AT SULTAN MEETING SHOULD BE LIMITED TO:

AMBASSADOR AKINS
MR. ELLSWORTH
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MR. VEST
MR. NOYES
ONE EMBASSY OFFICER AS NOTE TAKER

TURKI MEETING MAY BE EXPANDED SOMEWHAT TO INCLUDE BG HILL, MR. HOENIG, AND PERHAPS ONE MORE.

4. ELLSWORTH TEAM SHOULD BRING ADEQUATE NUMBER OF COPIES OF 1951

AND 1953 AGREEMENTS. EMBASSY COPIES ARE OLD AND DOG-EARED.

5. CIVILIAN APPOINTMENTS: APPOINTMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 12 HAVE BEEN REQUESTED WITH PRINCE FAHAD, PRINCE ABDALLAH, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE MUHAMMAD ABA AL-KHAYL, MINISTER OF PLANNING HISHAM NAZER, AND DR. DOLIMAN SOLAIM, LIAISON FOR JOINT US-SAG ECONOMIC COMMISSION. AMBASSADOR WILL NOT ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. THOSE ATTENDING WILL BE MR. ELLSWORTH, MR. VEST AND MR. DICKMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY'S POLITICAL CHIEF NICHOLAS MURPHY.
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